O Almighty God, Father of all mankind, humbly we bow before thee. Even as we worship thee O Lord, we are aware that the fullness of thy glory is ever hidden from our finite minds. We recognize, O God, that we can speak of thee but never comprehend thy mysteries. In reverence we join with men all over the world and down through the centuries in saying Hallowed be thy name forever.

In the stillness of this hour speak to us of eternal things. As we meditate and reflect upon thy goodness and mercy hear the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Break down the barriers of pride, vanity & self sufficiency that we have constructed around us O God: enable us to enter fully into communion with thee

We come before thee in a spirit of thanksgiving: thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift: thou hast given of thyself in creating the beauty of the world. Thou hast revealed thine infinite wisdom in the perfect balance of nature. Thou hast shown thine own goodness in the goodness of the created order. Thou hast shown us the depth of thy love in the joy of human love. Thy concern for us is made clear in the care and concern of each other. For all this O Lord we are deeply thankful.

Be with us our Father: in all that we do giving us thy guidance and direction. We humbly acknowledge that without thee our lives are like hollow shells, our efforts like clanging symbols. We ask, O God, that thy Holy Spirit might abide with us. Teach us to love thee with a pure heart. Teach us to be selfless and kind. Give us patience with one another and all men. Help us to accept each other in the same spirit of forgiveness, that thou hast so graciously accepted us. Change our lives O Lord, make us instruments of thy Holy Will: help us to truly love our neighbor as ourselves and thus be active participants in thy redeeming love.

We ask, O Lord thy blessing upon those persons all over the world, who are less Fortunate than we. Be with those who needlessly suffer at the hands of their fellowmen. Be with the citizens of the Congo who have been deprived of Peace & good will. Be with our Brethren in Cuba who are caught in the web of political oppression. Be with all those ~~in~~ behind the iron curtain. Give them courage and patience to endure. Give them Faith - that they might find meaning to life - in spite of materialism and oppression.

Be with those of our own number who are ill: give them thy healing grace & the comfort of thy Holy Spirit.

All this we pray in the name of our Savior - Jesus Christ

Amen

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